

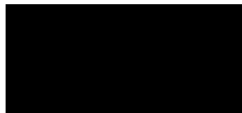
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DIARY NOTES

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16 May 1957



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1. [REDACTED] telephoned concerning the interest which I had expressed in the construction of a couple of cottages at [REDACTED] after returning from the Far East last 25X1A6a Fall. He said that [REDACTED] proposed to look into the matter and would make some recommendations to me when he returned. I told him that this was acceptable. 25X1A

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2. I met with the Director to discuss our [REDACTED] [REDACTED]. He decided that we should proceed with this construction out of Fiscal Year 1957 money inasmuch as our Appropriations Hearings would undoubtedly come too late to enable us to do so if we waited. Later in the day I obtained permission from Bob Macy, Bureau of the Budget, to go ahead with this construction and so notified the necessary components. H

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3. I also discussed the Records Center Project [REDACTED] with the Director who called Bob Amory, inasmuch as Bob had nonconcurred in it. The Director approved of proceeding with the proposal on the same basis as the construction at [REDACTED]. Bob Macy also concurred, and the necessary components were notified. The Director insisted that Bob Amory withdraw his nonconcurrence---which has been done. H

4. While at the Bureau Bob Macy discussed the USIA budget cut with which I was, of course, familiar generally. He said that when the final outcome of this budget reduction was known the Bureau proposed to conduct a series of meetings with other agencies to see whether or not any of the programs which USIA would be forced to eliminate could be picked up by them. I told him that we would be glad to participate in such meetings but that probably we would resist taking on any additional obligations since our own budget was very tight. I also told him that I thought we would have to be particularly careful not to pick up any programs concerning which the Congress had specifically disapproved inasmuch as such action might be interpreted to be in violation of the intent of the Congress.

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5. I approved of [REDACTED] taking leave on the west coast from 6 through 25 June inclusive.

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6. [REDACTED] was up to say that the DD/P area had decided tentatively to minimize its participation in OPERATION ALERT 1957 and not undertake war games with the Department of Defense---a plan which had been proposed previously in partial

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compliance with the recommendations of the Killian Committee. I emphasized to Buff the necessity of giving me a paper as soon as possible concerning the general principles which we would follow during OPERATION ALERT 1957 so that I could take it before a Deputies' Meeting and obtain approval. I warned him that he should first make sure that what he proposed met the minimum requirements of the Office of Defense Mobilization.

7. Buff also had a proposed new Succession List to be incorporated in the President's "Black Book" maintained by the Office of Defense Mobilization. I asked him to leave it with [REDACTED] who agreed to obtain the Director's wishes in this matter and return it to [REDACTED]

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